Land to landless adivasis of Kerala

119. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any steps, after 2001, to give land to the land less adivasis of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of adivasis and landless adivasis alongwith the land distributed in each district as on the date, category-wise;

(c) whether any survey has been/or is likely to be undertaken on the encroachment of adivasis land by others; and

(d) if so, the details thereof as on the date district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (d) Allotment of land to the landless tribals is a 'State' subject. The State Govt. has however, been advised that the problems of landless tribals may be solved on an urgent basis and in a time bound fashion within the over all purview of the State Legislations on the subject. The State Govt, has also been advised to purchase land from private and other parties, if so required, for tribals from the SCA to TSP and grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution and TSP funds of the State Govt, in this regard.

No proposal for undertaking any survey with regard to encroachment of Adivasi land by others has been received in this Ministry. Besides being a 'State' subject, the State Govt, is required to initiate necessary action in the matter.

Encroachment on Adivasi land in Kerala

120. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the media's reports regarding atrocities on Adivasis;

(b) if so, the action taken, if any to discover and recover the encroached land of adivasis in Kerala;

(c) whether a compassionate forest legislation would be enacted